

## Predicting Future Changes in O<sub>3</sub> and OH: Three-Dimensional Global Model Studies

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Man's activities may significantly affect the concentrations of a number of chemically and radiatively important tropospheric gases, including ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), the hydroxyl radical (OH), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), and peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN). Ozone is formed when carbon monoxide (CO), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and NO<sub>x</sub> react in the presence of sunlight. Ozone can absorb both ultraviolet and infrared radiation. Hydroxyl radical formation in the troposphere is initiated by the photolysis of O<sub>3</sub>. Reaction with the hydroxyl radical is the main loss for many tropospheric species. Thus, both O<sub>3</sub> and OH play key roles in global chemical and climate changes.

The equations governing the concentrations of tropospheric species are highly non-linear. Predicting how changes in source emissions affect concentrations globally is not straightforward. We have developed a global, three-dimensional, chemistry-transport model (CTM) of the troposphere that includes the oxidation cycles of CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, and non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHCs). The model predicts the concentrations of 76 species, including O<sub>3</sub>, OH, PAN, NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, CO, isoprene, and other NMHCs. Here we present results of a baseline present-day scenario, and scenarios which quantify how reductions and increases in source emissions affect the global distributions of a number of species.

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